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Applicant: WERNER REMMELS

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Title: MULTIPLE-CYLINDER INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND A

METHOD FOR OPERATING SAME

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 10, 2003.

Responsive to the election of species requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the Group I species of Figures 1 and 2. It is submitted that Claims 16-36, 40-43, 45, 46, 48, and 49 read on this elected species. Further, it is submitted that Claims 16-33, 40-42, 45 and 48 are generic to both of the indicated species.

This election is made with traverse, it being submitted that all of the claims are so interrelated, with the many generic claims, that all claims should be considered and allowed in the present application.

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In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1-33 and 42 were generic. However, it is noted that Claims 1-15 were cancelled in the Preliminary

Amendment filed February 26, 2001.

As to the Specification Observations at paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, it is noted that the substitute specification removed the specific reference to the cancelled Claims 1 and 12, with appropriate incorporation of language from those original claims into the specification. Accordingly, this observation should no longer apply.

With respect to the terminology "carbureted fuel", it has been used in the present application with its broad meaning of combining a gas such as air with the volatile hydrocarbons and not to the provision of a specific carburetor construction. In this connection, see the dictionary definition for "carbureted - to combine or mix (a gas, for example) with volatile hydrocarbons so as to increase available fuel energy" from the fourth edition of the American Heritage Dictionary of the English language from the internet at "Dictionary.com".

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the election of species requirement and an action on all of the claims in the application is in order and respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #962FR/49593).

Respectfully submitted,

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